

# SENATE BILL 568

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By: **Senators Pugh and Kittleman**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Labor and Employment – Workers’ Compensation – Venue for Appeal**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the venue available to certain individuals and employers  
4 appealing a certain decision of the Workers’ Compensation Commission;  
5 clarifying certain language; and generally relating to the venue for appeal  
6 available in workers’ compensation cases.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Labor and Employment  
9 Section 9–738  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Labor and Employment**

15 9–738.

16 **(A) THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH**  
17 **IN § 6–201 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.**

18 **[(a)] (B)** To take an appeal, a person shall file an order of appeal with the  
19 circuit court **FOR THE COUNTY WHERE:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (1) [that has jurisdiction over that person] ~~THE APPELLANT~~  
 2 ~~COVERED EMPLOYEE RESIDES, IF THE APPELLANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL;~~ [or]

3 (2) ~~THE APPELLANT EMPLOYER HAS ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF~~  
 4 ~~BUSINESS, IF THE APPELLANT IS AN EMPLOYER; OR~~

5 [(2)] (3) [for the county where] the accidental personal injury,  
 6 compensable hernia, or last injurious exposure to the hazards of the occupational  
 7 disease occurred.

8 [(b)] (C) If an appeal is taken to a circuit court that does not have  
 9 jurisdiction, the court shall transfer the appeal to the proper circuit court on the  
 10 motion of a party.

11 [(c)] (D) If a party to an appeal suggests in writing and under oath that the  
 12 party cannot obtain a fair trial in the circuit court in which the appeal is pending, the  
 13 circuit court shall transfer the appeal to another circuit court.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 15 October 1, 2011.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.